



## **LONGMONT MEMORIAL ROSE GARDEN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

### **SAFETY RULES**

1. Keep children within your supervision at all times. Children must be supervised by a responsible adult in order to avoid dangerous situations.
2. Pets are not permitted during clean-up activities. Danger to your pets and to the public can be avoided by respecting this rule and leaving them at home.
3. Keep filled bags off of walkways. Keep trash and compostable plant materials separated, bagging trash for pickup and depositing plant materials in the compost bin provided. Filled trash bags should be placed next to the compost area as directed by Parks staff. Also, remember that city staff will be picking up trash bags, so make sure each one is closed securely and has no holes in the bag.
4. Notify the Longmont Police Department **immediately** in case of an emergency. Dial 911 for emergency.
5. Please be courteous to park users while you are performing your tasks. Please move aside and off the path when users approach the work area. If a park user is being discourteous and creating problems, notify the Police Department immediately.
6. Dress appropriately for the weather and the park conditions in which you will be working. Work gloves are required due to the sharp thorns on rose canes. Leather gloves will be provided by the city at the beginning of the work season. Long sleeves & pants, sunscreen, hats or boots may be necessary for your safety and comfort. The city will not provide these items. Bring plenty of liquids and any refreshments you or your group may need.
7. Volunteers will need to provide their own hand pruners for trimming and dead-heading. For the health of the plants, the city requires that by-pass type pruners be used instead of anvil type. This results in cleaner cuts without crushing stems. All hand pruners must be kept sharp to minimize ripping and tearing of plant tissue. Training will be provided on correct sharpening procedures. To prevent disease contamination from being spread throughout the garden, all hand pruners must be sterilized prior to use by dipping or spraying with isopropyl alcohol or a 10% bleach solution.
8. ***Enjoy yourselves!*** Volunteering to the community is a valuable contribution to the city. Longmont is proud to have such involved and dedicated citizens who are willing to make the difference.